THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) during the last five years, there have been reports of emergence/re-emergence of malaria, plague, cholera, dengue, Japanese ancephalitis/measles and kala-azar.

(c) and (d) A National Apical Advisory committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Union Health Secretary to formulate a nation-wide disease surveillance network. The action points envisaged under the disease surveillance scheme are collection and flow of information, strengthening of laboratory diagnostic services, networking of centres and continuous monitoring of disease prevalence. The National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi, other national Institution, Indian council of Medical Research and Department of Science and Technology are conducting research related to communicab diseases.

Scientific Study to Determine Virological Parameters in Respect of Epidemics of Dengue

2515. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government are aware that almost every alternate year or every third year, epidemics of dangue fever break out in Delhi and other parts of country;

(b) whether any systematic study has been made of the epidemics with a view to determine virological and other apidemiological parameters and the results thereof;

(c) if so, whether there has been any change in the nature of the disease or its spread; and

(d) what steps have been initiated for their early detection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Government is aware of the outbreaks of Dengue Fever which have occured in certain parts of the country at different periods.

(b) and (c) The National Institute of Virology, Pune under the Indian council of Medical Research (ICMR) has been engaged in carrying out studies on the dengue outbreaks in different parts of the country. Studies show distinct change in the clinical nature as well as epidemiological picture of Dengue in the country. In the earlier outbreaks, the morbidity was very high and mortality was very low. Against this, in the recent years since 1992 increased mortality and also a few cases of haemorrhagic manifestations were recognised. The epidemiological studies also indicated occurence of dengue in rural areas which was earlier confined to urban areas.

(b) The States have been impressed upon to step up surveillance activities so that increase in fever cases or clustering of cases in the areas are reported promptly and given appropriate treatment.

प्रोस्टैस्ट्रेट ग्रन्थि की लेजर द्वारा शल्य चिकित्सा हेतु अनुमति

2516. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना ने अपने लाभभोगियों को प्रमुख निजी अस्पतालों में लेजर पद्धति से प्रौस्ट्रेट ग्रन्थि की शल्य चिकित्सा कराने की अनुमति नहीं दी है, जबकि टर्फ पद्धति से यह शल्य चिकित्सा कराने की अनुमति दे दी गई है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं, और

(ग) क्या सरकार अपने निर्णय पर पुनर्विचार करेगी तथा लेजर पद्धति द्वारा भी शल्य चिकित्सा कराये जाने हेतु अनुमति देगी?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सलीम इकबाल शेरवानी): (क) से (ग) सामान्य रूप से केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना/सरकारी विशेषज्ञों द्वारा संस्तुत चिकित्सा प्रक्रियाओं का लाभ केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना द्वारा मान्यता प्राप्त प्राइवेट अस्पताल में उठाया जा सकता है। चूंकि लेसर प्रोस्टीटेक्टोमी की तकनीक हाल ही में देश में शुरू की गई है। इसलिए इसे अब तक अनुमोदित प्रक्रियाओं की सूची में शामिल नहीं किया गया है। तथापि, सूची की समीक्षा समय-समय पर की जाती है और नई तकनीकें/प्रक्रियाएं उसमें शामिल की जाती हैं।

Study to Establish Relationship between Tobacco Consumption and Diseases

2517. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI. Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to establish the relationship between tobacco consumption and certain disease such as mouth cancer etc. that affect smokers and consumers of other forms and tobacco; and

(b) if so, the result thereof and what action Government propose to take to discourage tobacco consumption and reduce the health hazards caused by consumption of tobacco in different forms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) Tobacco consumption is a known cause of cancer of various part of the body and also of coronery heart diseases and lung diseases. Clinical studies conducted in All India Institute of Medical Sciences have shown significant relationship between tobacco consumption and oral cancer and also other cancers affecting the Larynx. Population studies conducted by Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh have also shown significant relationship between tobacco intake in any form and oral cancer.

Following measures have been taken to discourage consumption of tobacco:—

(i) As per the Cigarettes (Regulation of Production, supply and Distribution) Act, 1975 it is mandatory to display health warning on all cartons/packets of cigarettes.

(ii) Under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 a warning "Chewing of tobacco is injurious to health" is mandatory.

(iii) Direct advertisements relating to tobacco or tobacco related products are prohibited on Doordarshan.

(iv) Under the Pilot Project on comprehensive Oral Health care, emphasis is given to discourage consumption of Tobacco through community awareness.

Development of Ayurvedic, Homoeopathy, Naturopathy and Unani systems of Medicine in the country

2518. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to develop Ayurvedic, Homoeopathy, Naturopathy and Unani systems of medicine in the country;

(b) whether funds have been provided by the World Health Organisation and foreign organisations for developing such systems of medicine in India;

(c) whether Government propose to help voluntary organisation and private institutions for developing such systems of medicine; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) The Government have set up a new department of Indian System of Medicine & Homoepathy in March, 1995 for the development and promotions of these